

- b. The prohibition of "mass gatherings" (Item No. 2);
- c. The observance of "strict home quarantine" (Item No. 3);
- d. The implementation of a "work from home arrangement" generally in the Executive Branch (Item No. 4);
- e. The closure (by implication) of establishments which do not provide "basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production" (Item No. 5);
- f. The suspension of "mass public transport facilities" (Item No. 6);
- g. The restriction of "land, air and sea travel" and the regulation of "accompanying crew or personnel of transitting cargoes" (Item No. 7);

WHEREAS, the implementation of the said GUIDELINES, indubitably, are already affecting, and will continue to affect, negatively the **earning capacity of families and members of the community**, such that the Provincial Government of Masbate, mindful of the **general welfare of its People**, is constrained to adopt such **"urgent and critical measures"** in order to fulfill its duties under the above-mentioned DILG ADVISORY, among which measures is the temporary suspension of loan agreements between lending entities and their borrowers during the duration of the current emergency and a reasonable period thereafter;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTONIO T. KHO, Governor of the Province of Masbate, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Suspension of Collection and Payment of Money Loans. The effectivity of the terms and conditions on the collection and payments of principal, interest and penalties of all contracts involving all loans of money between any natural, juridical, private, public, and/or government lending entities and any natural, juridical, private, public, and/or government borrowers, within the Province of Masbate, shall be suspended temporarily for a period of three (3) months. Consequently, notwithstanding prior agreements to the contrary:

- a. No such lending entity shall enforce collection of any payment from such borrowers during the said period; and
- b. The period or term of said loan agreements shall be extended accordingly.

SECTION 2. Work from Home Arrangement. All officials and employees of the local executive branches within the Province of Masbate, shall implement a work from home arrangements, except the PNP, AFP, PCG, and health and emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services, which shall ensure a skeletal work force.

SECTION 3. Transportation. Mass public transport facilities within the Province of Masbate shall be suspended.

SECTION 4. Duties of LGUs and the public. All persons, especially local government officials and employees and the above-mentioned lending entities, are hereby ordered to implement and/or comply with this Order.

SECTION 5. This Order shall be effective immediately.

Done this 18th day of March 2020 in the Province of Masbate.


HON. ANTONIO T. KHO
 Provincial Governor